As on:	Petrol	Diesel
16.09.2002	29.66	18.68
01.10.2002	29.91	18.91
17.10.2002	30.24	19.23
01.11.2002	30.26	19.25
16.11.2002	29.57	18.57
01.12.2002	28.91	18.06
03.01.2003	29.93	19.07
16.01.2003	30.33	19.47
01.02.2003	30.71	19.84
01.03.2003	32.10	21.21

Production from new Wells

†1315. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production has started from several new oil wells during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of such new oil wells;

(c) the assessment of the quantum of additional annual crude oil produced from these wells; and

(d) the quantum of crude oil produced in the country each year during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Production of crude oil in the country during the last 3 years is given below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Production (million metric tonne)
1999-2000	31.93
2000-2001	32.43
2001-2002	32.03

Pooled pricing for Gas Sector

1316. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering pooled pricing for gas sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government determine the retail price of gas by weighted average price of LNG and gas;

(d) whether it is a fact that such price determination method will not force the gas producers to retail gas at a cheaper rate and, therefore, the experts have suggested for leaving the pricing aspect to the gas producers and to lower the customs duty on LNG; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) The import of Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) has been placed under Open General Licence (OGL) with permission for 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). The companies are free to import and market LNG at market determined prices and will be fixed by the company concerned. The pooling of domestic gas and LNG may be decided by the gas marketing companies on commercial consideration.